

URBAN DISTRICT OF HOLMFIRTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

P. M. SAMMON

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

FOR THE YEAR

1967



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HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT

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Medical Officer of Health:

P. M. SAMMON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

A. L. J. CUSACK, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.
(Appointed 1.5.67)

Chief Public Health Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent:

W. HARGREAVES, M.A.P.H.I., A.M. Inst. P.C.

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R. M. MILNER, M.A.P.H.I.
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Divisional Health Office,
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Huddersfield.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Holmfirth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Holmfirth Urban District and the work of the Public Health Department during 1967.

I am presenting this Report on behalf of Dr. P. M. Sammon, who was Medical Officer of Health for the year in question but has since left to take up a similar appointment elsewhere.

The Report is in the form prescribed by the Minister of Health.

The Sections of the Report which deal with the Sanitary Circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, were compiled by your Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. Hargreaves, and formed his Annual Report for the year.

The incidence of infectious and other diseases does not call for any special comment.

In Section VII of the Report, particulars are given of the services provided by the West Riding County Council as the local Health and Education Authority.

In conclusion I have pleasure in recording the help and encouragement given to the staff of the Department by Members and Officials of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. STUART,
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Urban District of Holmfirth is situated on the Northern slopes of the Pennines, and lies to the South of the County Borough of Huddersfield. The general conformation of the country is very hilly, being comprised of several ridges with their corresponding valleys. The altitude varies from 300 feet at Honley to over 1,700 on Holme Moss.

Down the main valley flows the River Holme which is fed by several streams. The Southern part of the District is wild and rugged and a considerable part of the Area consists of moorland. The principal townships in the District are Holmfirth in the centre of the area and Honley in the northern portion.

The chief industry is the manufacture of woollen cloth, but farming, stone quarrying and engineering also provide occupation for a considerable number of the inhabitants.

General Statistics

Area in Acres	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,565
Enumerated Population (Census, 1951) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,075
Enumerated Population (Census, 1961) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,404
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (middle of 1966) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,840
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (middle of 1967) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,930
Area Comparability Factors: Birth 1.11; Deaths 0.83								
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1967	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,238
Rateable Value (31st March, 1968)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£485,119
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March, 1968)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,906

Vital Statistics

Live Births

HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		Birth Rate per 1,000 Population		
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)								West Riding of Yorkshire		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate						
		M	F	No.	%	Crude	Adj.	U.D's	Adm.Cty	
1967	341	184	157	16	4.69	18.01	19.99	18.2	18.2	17.2
1966	288	156	132	20	6.94	15.29	16.97	18.2	18.2	17.7
1965	306	161	145	11	3.59	16.35	18.15	18.3	18.4	18.0
1964	329	151	178	19	5.78	17.67	19.61	18.6	18.7	18.4
1963	320	161	159	20	6.25	17.24	19.14	18.4	18.3	18.2

Still Births

					1967		1966		1965	
					M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	1	—	—	2	1	2
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—	2	—
Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	..			..	2.92		6.90		16.08	

Infant Mortality—Deaths of Infants under 1 Year

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT					Holmfirth U.D.	West Riding of Yorkshire		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate		U.D's	Adm.Cty.	
		M	F					
1967	11	6	5	1	32.26	19.2	19.2	18.3
1966	6	5	1	1	20.83	20.1	19.8	19.0
1965	8	5	3	—	26.14	21.0	20.7	19.0
1964	7	4	3	—	21.28	22.1	22.2	20.0
1963	5	4	1	1	15.63	28.8	23.0	20.9

Deaths

HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT						WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population
Year	Total	Sex						
		M	F	Crude	Adj.	U.D's	Adm. Cty.	
1967	286	145	141	15.11	12.54	12.3	12.0	11.2
1966	291	149	142	15.45	12.51	12.3	12.9	11.7
1965	321	135	186	17.15	13.03	12.7	12.4	11.5
1964	302	135	167	16.22	12.81	13.0	12.8	11.3
1963	302	120	182	16.27	12.85	13.6	13.3	12.2

The Chief causes of death were:—

	1967	1966	1965
(i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system	107	116	119
(ii) Malignant Neoplasms	42	30	53
(iii) Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	39	50	72
(iv) Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis	35	45	32

These four causes accounted for 77.97% of the total deaths, 210 or 73.43% occurred in persons 65 years or over and 136 or 47.55% in persons 75 years or over.

A table showing the causes of death, ages and sex distribution is set out on page 5.

Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	0—	4— wks.	1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75—
All Causes	M	145	3	3	..	1	1	2	2	8	26	49	50
	F	141	3	2	1	1	1	..	1	7	14	25	86
2 Tuberculosis, other ..	M	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9 Other infective and parasitic diseases	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
10 Malignant Neoplasm—stomach	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
11 Malignant Neoplasm—lung, bronchus ..	M	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..
	F	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..
12 Malignant Neoplasm—breast	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
13 Malignant Neoplasm—uterus	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
14 Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	5
	F	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	2	8
16 Diabetes	M	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
17 Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	11	5
	F	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	17
18 Coronary disease, angina ..	M	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	18	17	7
	F	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	9
19 Hypertension with heart disease	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
20 Other heart disease ..	M	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	6
	F	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	10
21 Other circulatory disease ..	M	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
	F	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	9
23 Pneumonia	M	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
	F	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	9
24 Bronchitis	M	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	4
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
25 Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
26 Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
27 Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
28 Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
29 Hyperplasia of prostate ..	M	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31 Congenital Malformations	M	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
32 Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	14	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	2	5
	F	22	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	3	13
33 Motor vehicle accidents	M	6	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	1	..
	F	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
34 All other accidents ..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2

No deaths occurred from the following causes.

R.G. List

No.	Cause
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory
3	Syphilitic disease
4	Diphtheria
5	Whooping Cough
6	Meningococcal infections
7	Acute Poliomyelitis
8	Measles

R.G. List

No.	Cause
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia
22	Influenza
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion
35	Suicide
36	Homicide and operations of war

Maternal Mortality

No deaths were registered as directly due to pregnancy or childbearing.

Cancer

The number of deaths attributable to Cancer during the year numbered 42 (14 male and 28 female) as compared with 30 in 1966.

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Staff

The Medical Officer of Health and his deputy are part-time officers of the Council, but are engaged whole-time on public health work.

In addition, the staff consists of a full-time Chief Public Health Inspector, two Additional Public Health Inspectors and a Clerk.

Laboratory Facilities

These are available at the Wakefield Laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Ambulance Service

For accident and general cases this is provided by the West Riding County Council. Infectious cases are removed by the ambulance of the Infectious Diseases Hospital to which the patient is removed.

Home Nursing and Midwifery

One full-time home nurse resident at New Mill and two home nurse/midwives resident at Holmfirth and Honley are employed by the County Council.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics

Health Centre, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth—Thursday afternoon.
The County Clinic, Honley—Friday afternoon.
Council Offices, New Mill—Wednesday afternoon.

Venereal Diseases Clinic

The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.

Hospitals

- (a) Infectious Diseases: Mill Hill Isolation Hospital, Huddersfield.
- (b) General Hospitals: The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield;
Holme Valley Memorial Hospital; and
Deanhouse Hospital, Thongsbridge.
- (c) Maternity: Holme Valley Memorial Hospital;
Princess Royal Maternity Home;
St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield;
The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.

SECTION III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Mr. W. Hargreaves, Chief Public Health Inspector, reports:—

Water Supply

Huddersfield Corporation is responsible for the water supply in the whole of the district, and the following information on sufficiency and quality of the public supplies has been kindly supplied by Mr. W. M. Jollans, Waterworks Engineer and Manager, County Borough of Huddersfield.

Of the 7,238 houses in the district, 6,705 (92·6%) are supplied from public mains direct to the houses. Most of the water supplied is chlorinated before distribution. Supplies were sufficient and satisfactory.

Mains have been extended to new housing development and extensions are still required to various small isolated communities.

Sampling of public supplies has been regularly carried out by Huddersfield Corporation Waterworks Department.

The results of the samples taken by the Huddersfield Corporation Waterworks Department are given below:—

(a) Public mains supplies examined for:—

(i) Chemical Analysis (see table on page 9)

(ii) Bacterial purity

The Ministry of Health suggest the following classifications:—

				Coliform count per 100 ml.	Bact. coli 1(a) count per 100 ml.
Class I	Excellent	..	..	0	0
Class II	Satisfactory	..	..	1—3	0
Class III	Suspicious	..	..	4—10	0
Class IV	Unsatisfactory	..	..	Greater than 10	0 or more

(a) = The presence of Bact. Coli I, that is faecal contamination, immediately places sample in Class IV.

Efficient chlorination should yield a water having always a Class I Grading.

With non-chlorinated piped supplies, throughout the year 50% of the samples should fall into Class I; 80% should not fall below Class II and the remainder should not fall below Class III.

Samples of the supplies have been taken at regular intervals throughout the year for bacteriological examination.

The classification of the 268 samples is as follows:—

Digley (C)	Bradshaw (C)	Greave *	Holme (C)	Holme Styes (C)	Black- moorfoot North (C)
38 at I	32 at I 1 at II 1 at IV	29 at I 4 at II 1 at III 7 at IV	31 at I 1 at II 3 at IV	35 at I 1 at II 1 at III 4 at IV	

C= Chlorinated Supply.

*Open reservoir pumped chlorinated from Holmstyes.

Snape (C)	Goose Holes (UC)	Pickles Clough (Holmstyes) 1	Bank- house (UC)	Deerhill (C)
28 at I 3 at II 3 at III 4 at IV	1 at I	1 at II	9 at I 7 at II 1 at III 10 at IV	12 at I

C=Chlorinated Supply. UC=Unchlorinated Supply.

*Open reservoir pumped chlorinated from Holmstyes.

(b) Private supplies:—

93 samples of domestic water, all from private supplies, were taken by the Council from 69 premises and examined bacteriologically at the public Health Laboratory, Wakefield. 59 of the domestic samples were reported as unsatisfactory.

Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Plans of 119 proposed works of drainage and installation of sanitary fittings in connection with existing buildings were scrutinised by the public health inspectors. In the majority of cases the existing drain inlet was traced to ensure that the proposed work would communicate with the foul sewer and not with surface water sewers or water courses. Similarly such completed drainage work was inspected and checked to the foul sewers. Inspections and visits made in connection with this work numbered 650.

The foul sewerage system extension schemes at Hade Edge (3,200 yards 6" pipe) and Longley (1,200 yards 6" pipe) have been finally certified as completed, the majority of the work having been carried out during the previous year.

Remedial works to the sewer at Flowery Fields, Hade Edge, have also been completed. Schemes have been proposed for extensions to the foul sewer at Cliffe Road, Holmfirth (140 yards 6" pipe) and to Pipe Junction, Cumberworth.

No alterations have been made in the arrangements for sewage disposal. The scheme for the laying of new sewers to accommodate trade effluent from the mills, the closing of New Mill (Sinking Wood) Sewage Works and the extending of Neiley Sewage Works is in the hands of the Consultant Engineers.

Site investigations for the proposed extension were completed during the year and detailed proposals of the scheme were submitted to, and approved by, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Tenders have been invited for this work.

The populous parts of the district are fairly adequately sewered but improved means of disposal are required in some of the outlying parts, particularly the Cartworth area.

Rivers and Streams

Inspections of new works of drainage and the construction of septic tanks and outfalls were made to prevent pollution of watercourses. Known cases of existing pollution of watercourses are dealt with as local circumstances permit.

(i) Chemical Analysis

Supply	pH value	Haze/Colour No.	Total solids	Chloride	Oxygen absorbed	Total Hardness	Lead	Iron	Manganese	Aluminium	Fluoride	Sodium	Potassium	Free Chlorine	Total Chloride
(A) Average of 5 spring supplies	6.7	<5	100	18	0.39	42	Nil	0.37	0.07	0.11	—	8.0	0.8	0.03	0.06
(B) Holmestyes Filter Station	7.9	<5	57	13	1.05	39	Nil	0.18	0.11	0.20	—	5.3	1.1	0.07	0.14

Note: All figures in parts per million except pH and colour.

Closet Accommodation

It is estimated that of the 7,238 houses in the district at the end of the year, 6,492 houses (89·7 %) had water closet accommodation for their sole or shared use. The remaining 746 houses (10·3 %) had 484 privies, 69 tubs and pails and 18 chemical closets, a total of 571 closets, for their sole or shared use.

It is estimated that 19 privies etc., exist in 13 non-domestic premises.

No. of closets other than water closets converted, dismantled or demolished following:—

(a) Installation of water closets	..	..	..	..	28
(b) Demolition, closure, etc., of houses	..	..	..	..	5
					33

Privy Grants

A grant of £40 or half the cost, whichever is less, is paid for each privy or tub closet reconstructed as, or replaced by, a water closet. Grants were paid in 1967 in respect of 13 such closets.

Improvement Grants

Improvement grants were paid in 1967 in respect of 17 houses where closets, other than water closets, had been in use previously.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The Chief Public Health Inspector is responsible for superintending the refuse collection and disposal service including the maintenance of refuse transport. The latter being carried out by private garages, with the exception that the Health Department foreman has as one duty, the greasing and changing of oils of refuse transport vehicles.

Refuse and Salvage Collection arrangements:—

A fortnightly (10 working day) “back door” house refuse collection is in operation. Shops in the centres of Holmfirth, Honley and New Mill have a weekly collection of trade refuse.

Refuse Collecting Round, table

Refuse collecting round	Vehicle No.	Make	Nominal Capacity	Team
1. Holmfirth—West of river (b)	1	Bedford Eagle (1967)	7 cu yds. side loader.	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
2. Holmfirth—East of river (b)	2	do.	7 cu. yds. side loader	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
3. New Mill (b)	13	Bedford TK (May 1965)	7 cu. yds. side loader.	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
4. Honley and part Holmfirth (b)	6	S. & D. (1961)	16/18 cu. yds. F & A tipper.	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
5. Honley (b)	11	Bedford T.K. (June, 1964)	7 cu. yds. side loader	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
Shop & factory paper salvage	5	Karrier Bantam (1959)	10 cu. yds. Derby	(a) Driver & 1 loader

Notes: (a) driver to assist in loading.

(b) also carry out emptying of privies and tubs.

Refuse disposal

With effect from April, 1967, the former hand shovel levelling of the tipped refuse at the tips ceased and the two tip men, one at Honley and one at Berry Banks, were replaced with one tip man/driver and a Bristol Duplex crawler tractor and a Bedford TK 10.4 tons G.V.W. tipper, the latter to transport the tractor from tip to tip and excavated decayed tipped material for tip covering use across the tips. The one man and equipment thereby mechanically controlled the three tips in use at Berry Banks (Holmfirth), Scotgate Road (Honley) and Sike Bottom (New Mill). The Foster Place tip is not in use due to the impracticability of controlling the tip face on the steeply inclined site and the need to extend the piped land drain under the advancing tip face. One or two days a week some of the shop refuse is burnt in the Honley destructor dependent upon availability of staff in the absence of the former full time tip man. In any case the unit has been inadequate to cope with the quantity of refuse arriving at the tip for many years.

On Monday, 23rd May, 1966, a refuse collection and a closet emptying bonus scheme were introduced. The aim of the schemes being to provide a more frequent refuse collection and more satisfactory closet emptying.

Salvage

Apart from the full-time salvage vehicle (No. 5) a salvage basket compartment is carried on each refuse vehicle.

One man is employed full-time on baling of waste paper, etc. Spare refuse loaders assist in the work when available. A twin ram electrically powered press and a smaller hand press are used.

Salvage collected and sold during the year ended 31st March, 1968:—

	T.	C.	Q.	£	s.	d.
Cartons	—	—	—	22	15	9
Waste Paper	227	4	0	1921	2	9
Metals and Textiles	21	4	3	251	10	3
Totals ..	248	8	3	£2195	8	9

The salvage bonus amounted to £450 17s. 2d. the maximum bonus per man being £16 0s. 9d. for the 12 months. Each cleansing section employee shares the bonus on a basis of months employed.

Cleansing Section Staff

The full establishment of the Cleansing section was 24 men including the foreman. During the year 9 men were taken on and 2 of the same men left. Three other men left of their own accord. 2 men retired, one man died and one was dismissed.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Class of Workplace	No. of premises registered during the year	Total registered at end of year	Premises receiving a general inspection during year	No. of persons employed
Offices	2	23	7	115
Retail Shops	9	66	31	184
Wholesale Depts., Warehouses	—	2	1	26
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	3	—	5
Fuel storage depots	—	1	—	3
Totals	11	95	39	162M. 171F.

No. of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered premises—112

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the District.

West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951 Registration of Hairdressers

Seventeen premises are registered for carrying on the trade of hairdresser or barber. There are no byelaws in operation in connection with these businesses.

Clean Air

A volumetric air pollution measuring instrument is situated in the Council Offices, Holmfirth.

The following are the results of the instrument:—

	Average Value		Highest Value		Lowest Value	
	Smoke	SO ₂	Smoke	SO ₂	Smoke	SO ₂
January	133	180	256	354	65	92
February	113	177	256	254	41	109
March	64	103	137	204	30	51
April	80	115	130	220	27	54
May	63	97	104	198	22	61
June	67	95	89	147	22	64
July	33	90	81	198	19	46
August	55	77	94	127	25	37
September	82	91	121	133	30	38
October	62	71	111	152	31	Alk
November	195	192	677	769	58	56
December	146	149	602	392	41	41

Figures indicate the concentration of smoke and sulphur dioxide in micro-grammes per cubic metre.

One observation was made of a factory chimney and the stoker and manager were interviewed following excessive smoke emission.

Three notices of intention to instal and one application for prior approval of a furnace, were received, the latter being approved.

Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

There are no premises in the district licensed to manufacture or store rag flock, but one is registered for upholstery. No samples of filling materials were submitted for analysis during the year.

Moveable Dwellings and Caravans

At the beginning of the year two caravan site licences were operative, one in respect of a single caravan and one in respect of fifteen caravans. During the year three site licences each in respect of single caravans were issued. At the end of the year three site licences in respect of single caravans and one site licence in respect of fifteen caravans were still operative.

Filthy and Verminous Premises

Under this heading thirty-seven visits were made. Two houses with alleged fleas and two houses with furniture mites were treated with insecticide. Disinfestation treatment was carried out and advice given at two other houses following complaints of insect nuisance. Four Council houses and three other houses were inspected with regard to untidy and dirty conditions.

Factories Act, 1961

1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Owners Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	—	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	133	7	1	—
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	139	7	1	—

2. Cases in which Defects were found: 7. Remedied .. 3

3. Outworkers

There were 51 outworkers in the district employed as menders and burlers for various textile firms.

The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The duties of Rodent Operative are included in the duties of the Health Department foreman.

	Types of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. (a) No. of properties inspected following notification	97	0
(b) No. infested by (i) rats	49	0
(ii) mice.. ..	41	0
2. (a) No. of properties inspected for reasons other than notification	0	0
(b) No. infested by (i) rats	0	0
(ii) mice.. ..	0	0

Rodent Control—Sewer Treatment

84 selected manholes were test baited, during January with fluor-oacetamide poison bait. 16 of these showed complete takes, 31 showed partial takes and 7 points were washed away. The 47 points where infestation was indicated and the 7 points which were washed away, were re-baited during March and April. A reduction in infestation to 8 manholes was recorded.

Subsequent inspections revealed that this total was further reduced to negligible propositions.

ANALYSIS OF ESTIMATED PRIVY CLOSET, ETC., ACCOMMODATION FOR DWELLING HOUSES AT THE 31st DECEMBER, 1967																	
	Austonley	Cartworth	Fulstone	Hepworth	Holme	Honley Central	Honley East	Honley Sth.	Honley West	Netherthong	Nth. Central	Scholes	Sth. Central	Thurstonland	Uppertthong	Wooldale	
No. of privies	27	84	99	49	3	—	3	—	16	34	6	51	46	8	46	12	484
No. of tubs and pails ..	1	4	2	3	—	8	5	5	24	—	1	—	—	4	3	9	69
No. of chemical closets	3	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	1	2	18
Total of privies, tubs., etc.	31	94	101	52	3	9	8	5	40	34	8	52	48	13	50	23	571

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

1. Notices served for Abatement of Nuisances

There were 30 informal notices for the abatement of nuisances outstanding at the end of 1966. During the year 60 informal notices and one statutory notice were issued and 49 informal and one statutory notice complied with or withdrawn, leaving 41 informal notices outstanding at the end of 1967.

2. Public Health Inspectors' Inspections and Visits during 1967:—

General Public Health	248
Housing Inspections (including housing nuisances)	823
Moveable dwellings & Caravans	4
Factories—Health Provisions—Factories Act and Public Health Act	28
Cleansing Section administration & refuse disposal	429
Refuse Transport	217
Rats and Mice	131
Building Byelaws (new drainage & new sanitary fittings) ..	650
Infectious Disease and Disinfection	11
Inspection of Meat and other foods	459
Food Shops	21
Food Preparation Premises	7
Food Sampling	112
Clean Air	13
Slaughterhouses	4
Shops—nuisances	5
Total Number of Inspections and Visits	3162

3. Sanitary Improvements effected following action by the Public Health Inspectors

Repairs or renewals carried out:—

Roofs 1	Dustbins provided by owners	
Gutters 1	or occupiers	6
Ceilings 2	Water Supply	4
Internal Walls 2	Drains	2
Floors.. .. . 1	Drains (cleared only)	20
Sink 4	Water closets.. .. .	10

SECTION IV

HOUSING

Mr. W. Hargreaves, Chief Public Health Inspector, reports:—

Provision of New Houses

Additional dwellinghouses provided during the year were as follows:

(a) By the Local Authority—New permanent type	4
(b) By private enterprise—New houses	114
Total	118

Housing Statistics

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere

Number of houses included in Representations made during the year:—

(a) In Clearance Areas	..	..	..	..	..	8
(b) Individual Unfit Houses		..	..	..	..	12

Houses Demolished

		Houses Demolished	Displaced during year Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas	.. ..	—	—	—
Not in Clearance Areas:				
(a) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	.. ..	4	—	—
(b) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	.. ..	—	—	—

Unfit Houses Closed

		Number	Displaced during year Persons	Families
Under Sections 16(4) (Undertakings), 17(1) (Inexpedient to demolish), and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957	.. ..	4	4	1

Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

		By Owner	By Local Authority
After informal action by Local Authority	.. ..	34	—
After formal action under the Public Health and Housing Acts	..	—	—

Number of families rehoused during the year into Council owned dwellings

(a) From Clearance Areas, Individual Unfit Houses, etc.	..	Nil
(b) From Overcrowded Houses	.. ..	Nil

Rent Act, 1957

(a) Number of certificates of disrepair granted	.. ..	Nil
(b) Number of undertakings to execute repairs given by owners to the Local Authority	.. ..	Nil
(c) Number of certificates of disrepair revoked	.. ..	Nil

Grants for Conversion or Improvements of Housing Accommodation

	Formal applications received during the year No. of dwellings	Applications approved during the year No. of dwellings	No. of dwellings completed during the year
(a) Conversions (No. of dwellings resulting from conversions):—			
Discretionary Grants	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Improvements:—			
Standard Grants	48	46	40
Discretionary Grants	1	1	1
8 of the 46 Standard Grants approved in 1967 were for tenanted houses.			

Details of advances for the purpose of acquiring or constructing Houses
During 1967, 23 advances were made under the Housing Acts.

SECTION V

Mr. W. Hargreaves, Chief Public Health Inspector, reports:—

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk

The supervision of all dairy farms and milk production is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

There are 41 estimated sources of supply of untreated (Farm Bottled) Milk in the Urban District.

Producer/Retailers	.. .. .	28
Producers only (This milk is retailed by 8 distributors)	..	11
Producer/Retailers from premises outside the district	..	—
Producer only outside the district (retailed by 2 distributors in the district)	.. .. .	2
Total	.. ..	41

Milk Sampling

Sampling of milk supplies by the department has been restricted to examination of untreated (Farm Bottled) Milk for the presence of Tuberculosis and *Brucella abortus*. The procedure adopted has been to sample supplies in the retail containers. In order to sample systematically it was necessary to visit the farms. Where such a sample was reported as being infected with *Brucella abortus*, the producer was notified and a sample of milk was taken from every milking cow in the herd. The ear number of each cow was noted and the milk from every infected cow was made subject to an order served by the Medical Officer of Health, under Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, and was not sold without being heat treated.

A total of 32 cows were found to be infected. The Medical Officer of Health made 4 orders restricting the sale of raw milk from the 32 cows, At the end of 1966 4 orders were still operative in respect of the milk from 12 cows. Four orders in respect of 13 cows were still operative at the end of 1967.

Examination for the presence of *Brucella abortus*

No. of herd samples taken	96
No. of herd samples found to be infected	14
No. of "individual cow" samples taken	31
No. of "individual cow" samples found to be infected ..	7

Biological examination for the presence of Tuberculosis

No. of herd samples taken	3
No. of herd samples found to be infected	Nil

Ice Cream

At the end of 1967 no premises were registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream, 63 being registered for sale only.

Bread

There are 13 bakehouses in the district.

Section 63, Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The West Riding County Council is the Authority responsible for the Food Adulteration Section of the Act. The Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures reports that during the year 26 milk samples and 20 samples of other foods were examined, all of which were found to be genuine.

Food Byelaws

The Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, concerning the handling, wrapping and delivery of food, and sale of food in the open air, were in operation.

Meat

Regular slaughtering and meat inspection has taken place at the 4 licensed slaughterhouses in the district.

Particulars of carcasses inspected by the Public Health Inspectors and condemned are shown below:—

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	438	1	10	1055	2033
Carcases Inspected	438	1	10	1055	2033
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	50	1	—	17	116
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci ..	11.6	100	—	1.6	5.0
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	59
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	2.9
Cysticercosis only					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	5	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

Total weight of meat or organs voluntarily surrendered: 1704 lbs.

100% meat inspection and marking has been carried out during the year with a minimum of overtime working. Charges of 2s. 6d. for each bovine, 9d. for each calf or pig and 6d. for each sheep or lamb inspected, were made.

The number of butchers' shops in the district is 20, whilst the number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture of sausages, potted meats, etc., is 20.

During the year 28 visits were made to food shops and food preparing premises.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

The number of slaughtermen licensed at the end of the year was 23.

SECTION VI

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Dysentery

No cases of Dysentery were notified during the year.

Whooping Cough

Four cases of Whooping Cough were notified in the second quarter. One patient was aged four years and 3 were of school age.

Measles

A total of 196 cases were notified, 79 in the first quarter, 79 in the second quarter, 36 in the third quarter and 2 in the last quarter of the year. Of these cases 6 were under one year of age, 126 were of pre-school age, 63 of school age, and one was an adult.

Tuberculosis

During the year, 5 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were entered in the register whilst 6 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were removed. The cases remaining on the register at the end of the year were:

Pulmonary	..	..	..	Male 21	Female 10
Non-pulmonary	..	..	..	Male 5	Female 2

SECTION VII

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF THE
WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE**

DIVISION 20

URBAN DISTRICTS OF :

COLNE VALLEY

KIRKBURTON

DENBY DALE

MELTHAM

HOLMFIRTH

SADDLEWORTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER

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DIVISIONAL STAFF

Divisional Medical Officer

P. M. SAMMON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Senior Departmental Medical Officers and School Medical Officers

A. K. RAKSHIT, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

(Resigned 31.3.67)

A. L. J. CUSACK, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.

(Appointed 1.5.67)

Assistant Departmental Medical Officers and School Medical Officers

— NIL —

Clinic Medical Officers (Part-time)

A. N. BRADFORD, M.B., B.C., L.M.S.S.A.	K. W. H. B. MCALPINE, M.B., Ch.B.
N. DENNIS, M.B., Ch.B.	H. MERCER, M.B., Ch.B.
B. EAGLES, M.B., Ch.B.	G. D. ROWORTH, M.B., Ch.B.
A. HAND, M.B., Ch.B.	E. D. SHAW, M.B., Ch.B.
E. HIGGINS, M.B., Ch.B.	W. P. B. STONEHOUSE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
A. A. KENYON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	D.P.H.
T. A. LAMBROS, M.B., Ch.B.	L. M. SYKES, M.B., Ch.B.
S. M. LIGHTOWLER, M.B., Ch.B.	

Divisional Nursing Officer:

Miss J. L. LAW

Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Mrs. M. J. BALL	Mrs. P. HARTLEY
Miss J. M. BALMFORTH	Mrs. E. L. B. LYTHE
Miss P. E. BOWEN (Resigned 15.4.67)	Miss B. I. OWNSWORTH
*Mrs. B. BUCKLEY (Appointed 7.11.67)	Miss. R. PYATT
Miss L. CHAPMAN (Resigned 12.11.67)	Mrs. A. ROYSTON
Miss E. DAVIES	Miss A. SHAW
Mrs. M. DEVY	Mrs. G. M. WADSWORTH
Mrs. F. E. FISCHER	*Mrs. J. YATES
Miss I. C. GARRICK (Appointed 1.10.67)	

Assistants to the Health Visitors:

Mrs. J. M. BRAMHAM	Mrs. D. SPENCER
(Resigned 30.6.67)	*Mrs. M. STAINFORTH
*Mrs. A. A. BUTTERWORTH	(Resigned 5.1.67)
Mrs. N. LEATHAM	(Re-appointed 2.10.67)
Mrs. J. LEACH	

Midwives:

Mrs. I. A. GREEN	Mrs. E. KILROY
Mrs. K. HAIGH	Mrs. M. KILROY
*Mrs. E. M. HOLGATE (Resigned 12.4.67)	

Nurse/Midwives:

Miss M. ASHTON	Mrs. D. GARLICK (Appointed 11.1.67)
Miss K. BROOKES	Mrs. K. M. KAYE
Miss C. CRABTREE (Resigned 31.3.67)	Miss M. SYKES
Miss C. M. DUCKWORTH	

Home Nurses:

Mrs. M. W. ALLOTT	*Mrs. M. MOORHOUSE
Mrs. M. D. BENNION (Appointed 16.8.67)	(Appointed 17.7.67)
Mrs. B. BENTLEY	Mrs. N. PLATT
	Mrs. H. M. STURGEON
	Mrs. J. TAYLOR
*Mrs. J. D. BOTTOM (Appointed 20.6.67)	Mrs. M. E. TIFFANY
Miss L. CASEY (Appointed 1.3.67)	(Resigned 31.10.67)
*Mrs. M. COCKIN (Appointed 8.6.67)	Miss. M. WHITELEY
	Mrs. B. WALKER (Resigned 15.5.67)
*Mrs. M. D. FITTON	Mrs. E. H. WILSON

Mental Welfare Officers:

Mrs. A. L. CARTER	Mr. F. B. SYKES
Mr. D. COCKIN (Younghusband Course from 12-9-66)	
Mr. P. MCHALE	

Home Teacher for (Mentally) Subnormal Children:

Miss E. BALL, Seconded to Kirkburton Training Centre.

Speech Therapist:

*Mrs. C. E. STACEY

Kirkburton Training Centre Staff:

Supervisor: Mrs. J. BOOTH

Senior Assistant Supervisor:

Miss M. E. WHITEHOUSE

Assistant Supervisors:

Miss A. M. DEWES (Appointed 19.6.67)

Mrs. D. H. ELLIS

Mrs. N. NOBLE

Senior Instructor: Mr. A. D. BERRY

(Diploma Course for Teachers of the Mentally Handicapped from 8/9/67)

Instructors:

Mr. P. H. ROBERTS

Mr. R. L. STOTT (Temporary from 3.7.67)

Cadet: Miss S. TAYLOR (Transferred to Rothwell Training Centre 5.9.67)

Temporary General Assistant:

Mrs. P. BOWKER (from 27.2.67 to 30.6.67)

Senior Clerk: Mr. G. A. BEATSON

**Part-time*

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL—SERVICES

INTRODUCTION

In this section an account is given of the services provided by the West Riding County Council in the Division.

The Division which consists of the Urban Districts of Colne Valley, Denby Dale, Holmfirth, Kirkburton, Meltham and Saddleworth, has a population of 93,280 and an area of 82,750 acres. Although the population is only slightly more than one person per acre on average, owing to the wild moorland nature of much of the Division, the majority of the inhabitants live in small urban communities in the various valleys.

STAFF

The medical staff consists of a Divisional Medical Officer, who is also the Medical Officer of Health for the six County Districts in the Division, one Senior Departmental Medical Officer, who is also deputy Medical Officer of Health for all the County Districts except Saddleworth, and another Senior Departmental Medical Officer, who is deputy Medical Officer of Health for Saddleworth. In addition there should be two full-time Assistant Departmental Medical Officers or their part-time equivalents. At the end of the year, vacancies existed for one Senior Departmental and two Departmental Medical Officers. There were fourteen part-time Medical Officers undertaking sessional duties at Infant Welfare and Ante-Natal Clinics.

Three Mental Welfare Officers are employed wholly in the Division.

With the opening of the new Kirkburton Training Centre the former Home Teacher for the subnormal was seconded to the Centre where she is employed full time.

The rest of the staff at the Training Centre consists of a Supervisor, a Senior and three Assistant Supervisors, a Senior Instructor, an Instructor, a Temporary Instructor and a Temporary General Assistant.

Details of the Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery Staffs will be found later in this report.

The statistics given in this Section relate to the whole Division but where practicable they are sub-divided into those for the various districts.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR 1967

	Colne Valley U.D.	Denby Dale U.D.	Holm-firth U.D.	Kirk-burton U.D.	Mel-tham U.D.	Saddle worth U.D.	Division No. 20	Aggregate West Riding U.D's.	West Riding Admin. County	Eng- land & Wales prov. figures
Area (Acres) ..	16,052	10,165	17,565	14,577	5,906	18,485	82,750	380,334	1,609,759	*
Population ..	20,760	9,980	18,930	19,060	5,930	18,620	93,280	1,246,110	1,753,770	*
Live Births ..	342	193	341	254	123	324	1,577	22,273	31,555	*
Still Births ..	5	2	1	1	4	3	16	356	488	*
Deaths ..	273	135	286	354	62	236	1,346	14,758	19,673	*
Deaths under 1 year of age ..	9	3	11	7	1	6	37	427	607	*
Birth Rate Per 1,000 estimated population (Crude)	16.47	19.34	18.01	13.33	20.74	17.40	16.91	17.9	18.0	17.2
„ (Adjusted)	18.45	21.47	19.99	14.80	23.85	19.14	—	18.2	18.2	—
Death Rates All per 1,000 esti- mated population All Causes (Crude)	13.15	13.53	15.11	18.57	10.46	12.67	14.43	11.8	11.2	11.2
„ „ (Adjusted)	13.41	12.58	12.54	12.26	11.29	11.91	—	12.3	12.0	—
Infective and Parasitic diseases excluding T.B. but including Syphilis and other V.D. ..	—	—	0.11	0.05	—	—	0.03	0.04	0.03	*
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	0.05	0.10	—	—	0.17	—	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04
Other forms of Tuberculosis ..	—	—	0.05	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.01
Respiratory Diseases (excluding tubercul- osis of respiratory system) ..	1.30	1.60	1.85	2.68	1.01	1.66	1.78	1.38	1.30	*
Cancer ..	2.07	2.30	2.22	2.68	2.53	2.26	2.32	2.21	2.08	2.28
Heart and Circulatory Diseases ..	5.68	5.91	5.65	7.66	3.37	5.42	5.91	4.51	4.26	*
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	2.02	1.40	2.06	2.94	1.69	1.66	2.06	1.83	1.73	*
Infant Mortality	26.32	15.54	32.26	27.56	8.13	18.52	23.46	19.2	19.2	18.3
Maternal Mortality	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.13	0.22	0.20

*Figures not available.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The number of live births registered in the Divisional area during 1967 was 1,577 (844 male, 733 female) an increase of 80 compared with the previous year.

THE CRUDE BIRTH RATE was 16.91 per 1,000 of the estimated population as compared with 16.18 for 1966.

The illegitimate live births numbered 94 or 5.96% of the total live births. This compares with 29 or 2.68% in 1955, 34 in 1959, 57 in 1962, 77 in 1963, 88 in 1964, 82 in 1965 and 82 in 1966.

Deaths

The deaths assigned to the Divisional area after correction for transfers were 1,346 (700 male, 646 female) a decrease of 113 on the total for 1966.

THE CRUDE DEATH RATE from all causes was 14.43 per 1,000 of the estimated population as compared with 15.76 for the previous year.

The following were the principal causes of death in order of frequency:

(i) Diseases of the heart and Circulatory System	541
(ii) Malignant Neoplasms	216
(iii) Intra-Cranial Vascular lesions	202
(iv) Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	166

These four causes accounted for 83.58% of the total deaths.

Infant Mortality

In 1967 the deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 37, as compared with 24 in the previous year. Of these deaths 25 infants were under 4 weeks of age at the time of death.

THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE was 23.46 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 16.03 for 1966.

The death rate amongst legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births was 22.93 as compared with 15.55 for 1966.

Three illegitimate children died under one year of age giving a death rate amongst illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births of 31.91.

The following table gives the causes of death of all infants at various ages under one year:—

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

Causes of Death	Under 1 day	1-2 days	2-5 days	5-7 days	Total under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total under 1 year
1. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	3	1	—	—	6
2. Gastro-enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
3 Miliary Tuberculosis.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
4. Congenital Malforma- tions	4	—	2	—	6	—	1	7	1	—	—	—	8
5. Premature Birth	6	2	3	1	12	—	1	13	—	—	—	—	13
6 Meningitis.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
7. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	—	2	1	—	3	—	—	3	1	2	—	—	6
TOTAL	10	4	6	1	21	2	2	25	5	5	2	—	37

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Smallpox

No cases of smallpox were reported during the year.

The number of records of vaccinations and re-vaccinations received during the year was 885 and 138 as compared with 803 and 60 respectively in the previous year.

Details of the various age groups vaccinated and re-vaccinated are given below:—

District	VACCINATIONS						RE-VACCINATIONS				
	Under 1	1	2-4	5-15	16+	Total	1	2-4	5-15	16+	Total
Colne Valley	4	152	34	—	7	197	—	—	4	38	42
Denby Dale	27	71	17	—	6	121	—	—	—	—	—
Holmfirth	21	104	26	3	3	157	—	2	2	31	35
Kirkburton	3	139	55	1	2	200	—	—	6	28	34
Meltham	1	53	15	1	6	76	—	—	—	2	2
Saddleworth	1	69	45	8	11	134	—	1	2	22	25
TOTAL	57	588	192	13	35	885	—	3	14	121	138

No cases of Generalised Vaccinia were reported.

Diphtheria

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

Arrangements for immunisation have continued as in previous years, the inoculations being given at Infant Welfare Centres and by private medical practitioners.

During the year, 1,359 children received a full course of primary immunisation and 964 received booster doses as compared with 1,281 and 821 respectively in 1966.

Of the 1,497 children born in 1966, 1,232 were immunised against diphtheria either in 1966 or 1967. This is equivalent to a percentage of 82.2%, as compared with 79.1% for 1965.

Number of Children Immunised in 1967 Against Diphtheria

Urban District	Full Courses Children born in years							Total
	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1958-62	1953-57	
Colne Valley ..	107	209	11	4	5	3	3	342
Denby Dale ..	67	70	2	1	3	—	1	144
Holmfirth ..	101	108	5	1	1	3	2	221
Kirkburton ..	156	110	4	2	4	—	4	280
Meltham ..	47	42	5	1	2	—	—	97
Saddleworth ..	151	102	10	2	6	2	2	275
TOTAL ..	629	641	37	11	21	8	12	1359

Secondary Booster Injection								
Urban District	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1958-62	1953-57	Total
Colne Valley ..	—	19	19	3	220	21	14	296
Denby Dale ..	—	4	7	—	81	11	—	103
Holmfirth ..	—	10	11	1	190	30	5	247
Kirkburton ..	—	4	9	—	142	12	1	168
Meltham ..	—	—	2	—	31	5	—	38
Saddleworth ..	—	1	5	1	89	15	1	112
TOTAL ..	—	38	53	5	753	94	21	964

Records of the immunisation state of children in the Divisional area as at 31st December, 1967, are shown below:—

Age at 31.12.67 <i>i.e.</i> , Born in Year	Under 1 1967	1-4 1963-66	5-9 1958-62	10-14 1953-57	Total Under 15
Last complete course of in- jections (whether primary or booster)					
A. 1963-67	629	2,975	3,708	3,659	10,971
B. 1962 or earlier	—	—	2,115	1,477	3,592
	Children under 5		Children 5-14		
Estimated mid-year child population	7,400		12,000		19,400
Percentage of child popula- tion last immunised 1963-67 (whether primary or booster)	41.41		61.39		56.55

Whooping Cough

Immunisation of children against whooping cough has continued throughout the year, the vaccine being available either as a single antigen or in combination with the diphtheria and/or tetanus antigens. The majority of children immunised received protection through the combined antigens.

The inoculations have been carried out by private medical practitioners and at Infant Welfare Centres and during the year 1,323 children received protective treatment as follows, compared with 1,271 in 1966:—

District	Number of children immunised born in year						Total
	1967	1966	1965	1964	1960-63	1953-59	
Colne Valley	106	206	11	2	4	1	330
Denby Dale	67	70	2	1	2	—	142
Holmfirth	101	107	4	—	1	—	213
Kirkburton	155	109	4	1	4	2	275
Meltham	47	41	5	1	2	—	96
Saddleworth	151	102	7	1	6	—	267
TOTAL	627	635	33	6	19	3	1323

Of the 1,497 children born in 1966 a total of 1,226 were immunised either in 1966 or 1967. This is equivalent to 81.9% of the total number of children born in 1966 and compares with 78.9% for 1965.

Dysentery

During the year 60 cases of Sonne Dysentery were confirmed in the Division as compared with one case in 1966. These cases occurred in the Saddleworth Urban District. Of these 12 were children of pre-school age, 33 were children of school age and 15 were adults.

Acute Poliomyelitis

No cases of acute poliomyelitis occurred during the year.

The arrangements for vaccination against poliomyelitis have continued.

During the year, vaccinations given were as follows:—

							Oral
Children born in 1967 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	325
Children born in 1966 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	880
Children born in 1965 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85
Children born in 1964 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Children born in 1960—1963 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62
Others under age 16 years .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Received 4th booster doses (children 5-11 years) .. ..	..	..					821

Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever

One case of paratyphoid fever occurred in the Saddleworth U.D. The patient was a child aged 12 years resident at Springhead who was admitted to Westhulme Infectious Diseases Hospital. She was never very seriously ill.

Brucellosis in Cattle

During the year the Public Health Inspectors in the various Urban Districts in the Division and the County Milk Sampling Officers have continued taking samples of milk for biological test for Tuberculosis and Brucellosis. No samples were positive for Tuberculosis but of 593 herd samples taken 36 were positive for Brucellosis by cream culture test, 9 by serum agglutination and 10 by spleen culture test.

The follow-up of the positive herd samples resulted in the taking of 1824 individual cow samples of which 97 were positive by cream culture

test. In consequence of these results, 53 compulsory Pasteurisation Orders were made under Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations (General) 1959, involving 34 farms.

The Ministry of Agriculture's Brucellosis (Accredited Herd Scheme) had hardly commenced when the widespread outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease occurred. As a result little progress was made in the brucellosis eradication scheme as the Ministry staff were all involved in fighting the Foot and Mouth outbreak.

Details of the samples taken in the various Urban Districts are given in the following table:—

District	HERDS				INDIVIDUAL COWS			
	No. Taken	Positive Results			No. Taken	Results Positive		
		Cream	Serum	Spleen		Cream	Serum	Spleen
Colne Valley	51	5	1	1	2	—	—	—
Denby Dale	86	3	2	2	584	23	—	—
Holmfirth	96	14	4	4	31	7	—	—
Kirkburton	296	11	2	3	825	52	—	—
Meltham	62	3	—	—	173	6	—	—
Saddleworth	2	—	—	—	209	9	—	—
TOTAL	593	36	9	10	1824	97	—	—

Mass Radiography Service

Details of the Surveys carried out in the Divisional area during the year are as follows:—

Survey undertaken at	Number Examined	ABNORMALITIES DISCOVERED			
		Tuberculosis		Other	Total
		Active	Inactive		
Storthes Hall Hospital, Kirkburton U.D.	1424	—	4	6	10
Wallpaper Manufacturers Ltd., Springhead, Saddleworth U.D.	4850	5	4	25	34
The Civic Hall, Meltham U.D.					
The Civic Hall, Slaithwaite					
Colne Valley U.D.					
The Town Hall, Kirkburton U.D.	6274	5	8	31	44
Total					

MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES

Domiciliary Midwifery

The number of cases attended by the domiciliary midwives during the year was 231 as compared with 295 in 1966.

In addition, 3 miscarriages were attended by domiciliary midwives.

At the commencement of the year, 5 midwives, one of them part-time, and 6 nurse/midwives were engaged in the Division. During the year, one part-time midwife and one nurse/midwife resigned their appointments, whilst one nurse/midwife was appointed.

At the end of the year the staff consisted of 4 midwives and 6 nurse/midwives.

The services of the domiciliary midwives continued to be offered to all patients confined in hospitals or maternity homes but discharged home before the 10th day of puerperium. During the year, 465 such patients received nursing care, 1,894 individual visits being paid to them.

Of the 1,593 births notified and attributed to the Division, 238 occurred at home. The midwives and Home Nurse/Midwives together attended 214 cases as Midwives and 17 as Maternity Nurses. They paid 1,944 ante-natal and 5,362 post-natal visits. Four Midwives or Home Nurse/Midwives attended over 30 cases each, 1 attended over 20 cases and 4 attended 10 cases and over.

Notifications:

One notification relating to a stillbirth and 5 notifications of the deaths of children were received from midwives practising in the Division.

One notification of liability to be a source of infection on account of contact with a case of puerperal pyrexia was also received.

Medical Assistance:

Medical aid forms sent in by midwives during 1967 numbered 89, (33 domiciliary, 56 institutional). The following table summarises the cases for which medical aid was sought:—

PREGNANCY			LABOUR		
	Dom.	Inst.		Dom.	Inst.
Ante-partum haemorrhage	2	—	Caesarean section	—	3
Toxaemia-Albuminuria ..	1	—	Episiotomy	3	8
Ruptured membranes			I.V.D.	—	1
(not in labour)	1	—	Labour—delayed ..	3	11
	—	—	Labour—premature ..	2	—
	4	—	Laceration—perineal ..	11	24
	—	—	—labial	—	1
			—vaginal	—	1
LYING-IN	Dom.	Inst.	Malpresentation ..	1	—
Pyrexia	2	—	Retained placenta ..	2	4
	—	—		—	—
	2	—		22	53
	—	—		—	—
THE CHILD					
Asphyxia	1	2			
Chest condition	1	—			
Cyanosis	1	—			
General condition	2	—			
Prematurity	—	1			
	—	—			
	5	3			
	—	—			

The institutional notifications all related to mothers confined in the Holme Valley Memorial Hospital.

Gas and Air Analgesia

Each of the 10 domiciliary midwives was supplied with a trilene apparatus and 6 were held in reserve.

Trilene was administered to 159 cases or 68.83 % of the cases attended as compared with 235 cases in 1966.

Pethidine was administered by domiciliary midwives to 138 cases or 59.74 % of the cases attended as compared with 175 cases in 1966.

Ante-Natal Clinics

During the year, 84 ante-natal patients attended at the various clinics, details of which are given in the following table:—

Clinic	Number of Sessions	Number of Patients		Number of Attendances		Average attendance per session
		Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	
Springhead ..	25	57	—	211	—	8.44
Uppermill ..	22	26	—	103	—	4.68
*Lepton ..	1	1	—	1	—	1.00
TOTAL	†48	84	—	315	—	6.56

*Combined with Infant Welfare Clinics.

†Includes 38 sessions conducted by midwife—no doctor present.

The arrangements made with the general practitioner/obstetricians for the midwives and home nurse/midwives to attend the weekly ante-natal clinics conducted by them in their surgeries have continued. Particulars of attendances at these clinics are given below:—

	<i>No. of sessions</i>		<i>No. of attendances</i>
Denby Dale	52		773
Golcar	46		248
Golcar	33		125
Honley	42		1004
Kirkburton	19		83
Meltham	39		468
Skelmanthorpe	16		73
Slaithwaite	44		133
Slaithwaite	39		125
Slaithwaite	42		253

The attendances at the ante-natal relaxation classes show an increase of 411 on those for 1966. The instruction given by the midwives and health visitors is greatly appreciated by the expectant mothers.

Relaxation and mothercraft classes were discontinued at the Marsden clinic on the 31st March, 1967.

Particulars of attendances at these classes are shown in the following table:—

Clinic	Number of Sessions	Number of Patients	Number of attendances	Average attendance per session
Golcar	47	31	172	3.66
Honley	47	40	261	5.55
Kirkheaton	43	24	193	4.49
Kirkburton	50	38	283	5.66
Lepton	46	32	245	5.33
Marsden	13	8	33	2.54
Meltham	49	41	356	7.27
Scissett	47	56	330	7.02
Slaithwaite	47	37	209	4.45
Uppermill	52	35	309	5.94
Springhead	52	45	282	5.42
TOTAL ..	493	387	2673	5.42

Flying Squad Arrangements

The arrangements for the “Obstetric Flying Squads” based on the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and the Oldham and District General Hospital have continued. No calls were made on either squad to attend patients in the Division during the year.

Institutional Midwifery

The percentage of institutional births is 85.12 as compared with 79.81 in 1966.

The system of booking for maternity accommodation in Huddersfield whereby applications are made through the general practitioner has continued and has secured a better selection of patients. No requests from hospitals for environmental reports have been received during the past two years.

The scheme for planned 48 hour-plus discharge from the Marron Maternity Unit at the Oldham & District General Hospital continues to work satisfactorily. During the year 115 requests were received from the hospital for environmental reports as to the suitability of the home for early discharge and in only 11 cases were the home conditions considered to be unsuitable.

A summary of the cases for which medical aid was sought by midwives in institutions is given on page 12a.

Place of Confinement	Colne Valley	Denby Dale	Holm-firth	Kirk-burton	Mel-tham	Saddle-worth	Total
General Hospitals:							
Hudds. Royal Infirmary	54	19	11	33	19	—	136
St. Luke's Hospital ..	159	14	6	74	51	—	304
Holme Valley Memorial Hospital ..	—	—	321	—	1	—	322
Oldham & Dist. General Hospital ..	—	—	—	—	—	136	136
Ashton-u-Lyne General Hospital ..	—	—	—	—	—	37	37
Others ..	3	14	2	2	—	5	26
N.H.S. Maternity Homes and Hospitals:							
Princess Royal Maternity Home ..	72	80	9	97	32	—	290
Woodfield Maternity Home ..	—	—	—	—	—	64	64
Others ..	1	19	2	16	—	4	42
Private Maternity Homes	2	—	1	—	—	1	4
	291	146	352	222	103	247	1361
Domiciliary ..	55	46	10	24	19	84	238
TOTAL ..	346	192	362	246	122	331	1599

Premature Babies

During the year 88 babies weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less were born alive in hospitals or nursing homes to mothers normally resident in the Division and 9 were born at home. Of those born at home 7 were surviving at the end of the month.

THE FATE OF PREMATURE BABIES BORN IN THE DIVISIONAL AREA

WEIGHT	BORN ALIVE				Born Dead	NUMBER DYING (days of survival)						NUMBER SURVIVING—28 days			
	A	B	C	Total		1	2	3	6	14	22	A	B	C	Total
5-5½	5	14	39	58	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	5	14	35	54
4½-5	1	4	7	12	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	7	11
4-4½	2	1	6	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	5	8
3½-4	—	1	4	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
3-3½	—	—	5	5	3	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	3
2½-3	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
2-2½	1	1	2	4	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1½-2	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-1½	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	9	21	67	97	13	9	3	1	2	1	1	7	19	54	80

Total adjusted live births
No. of live premature births
Percentage of total live births
No. born dead

..
..
..
..

1,577
97
6.14
13

A. Born at home and attended by midwife.

B. Born in a Maternity Home.

C. Born in a General Hospital.

CHILD WELFARE

Distribution of Welfare Foods

There has been no change in the arrangements for the distribution of Welfare Foods.

At the 17 distribution centres in the Division the welfare foods distributed during the year, and the comparative figures for 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966 are as follows:—

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
National Dried Milk (Tins)	2,183	2,492	2,911	2,937	3,284
Orange Juice (Bottles)	32,602	27,783	24,960	21,299	18,823
Cod Liver Oil (Bottles)	2,134	2,351	2,458	2,294	2,129
Vitamin A. & D. Tablets (Packets)	1,546	1,680	1,833	2,002	1,972

Infant Welfare Clinics

As compared with 1966 there has been an increase of 1,109 to 4,601 in the number of children who attended the various clinics and an increase of 2,165 to 32,748 in the number of attendances made. The attendances at the Mobile Clinic have also increased during the year when 228 children made 836 attendances as compared with 119 children making 627 attendances in 1966.

It will be seen that at the Emley Clinic which commenced at the end of November, one child is shown as making 25 attendances. The majority of these attendances were made by children who had previously attended the Mobile Clinic at Emley.

The clinics at Linthwaite and Uppermill were transferred during the year from rented premises to purpose-built clinics, and a new purpose-built clinic was also erected and brought into use at Emley which had previously been served by the Mobile Clinic.

Name and Address of Centre	No. of infant welfare sessions held during year by—					Total	Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances made by children who were born in the year			Total attendances during the year		
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Health Visitors only	General practitioner employed on sessional basis	Hospital medical staff	1967			1966	1962–1965				
Delph—Independent Sunday School	—	1	49	—	50	20	34	42	96	235	399	310	944
Golcar—Woodville, Scar Lane ..	—	—	50	—	50	99	115	52	266	904	855	356	2115
Greenfield—Methodist Church ..	—	—	51	—	51	47	33	59	139	729	447	567	1743
Holmfirth—Wesley Meth. Sunday School	14	1	36	—	51	112	102	77	291	777	482	210	1469
Honley—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Eastgate ..	7	2	41	—	50	57	57	128	242	428	416	405	1249
Kirkburton—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Shelley Lane ..	1	1	47	—	49	50	68	74	192	669	797	399	1865
Kirkheaton—Fields Rise ..	6	—	42	—	48	55	73	152	280	743	547	221	1511
Lepton—Greaves House ..	—	1	49	—	50	75	139	33	247	714	823	241	1778
Linthwaite—Causeway Crescent ..	6	—	43	—	49	64	83	124	271	572	673	254	1499
Marsden—Conservative Club ..	—	3	48	—	51	76	117	172	365	772	616	451	1839
Meltham—Carlile Institute ..	—	—	50	—	50	119	219	152	490	1298	774	345	2417
New Mill—Council Offices ..	2	—	49	—	51	55	84	98	237	627	699	303	1629
Scissett—Fleet Street ..	2	—	50	—	52	119	104	66	289	1124	1147	471	2742
Slaithwaite—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Carr Lane	—	54	49	—	103	118	146	133	392	1244	1165	1020	3429
Springhead—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Cooper St.	—	—	48	—	48	106	109	100	315	1092	1149	583	2824
Uppermill—Smithy Lane ..	—	—	51	—	51	89	75	91	255	1230	1011	593	2834
Mobile Clinic ..	1	2	43	—	46	77	76	75	228	280	319	237	836
Emley—Tipping Lane ..	1	1	1	—	3	1	—	—	1	18	3	4	25
Total ..	40	66	797	—	903	1339	1634	1628	4601	13456	12322	6970	32748

Nurseries and Child Minders Regulations Act, 1948

At the end of the year there were 6 registered Child Minders in the area. The number of children permitted to be received varies from 6 to 18. In addition 15 playgroups for toddlers not registered under the Act but receiving unofficial supervision were in operation. The size of these groups varies from 2 to 37 children.

The playgroup sessions last from 2 to 3 hours.

Generally speaking the groups are conducted on satisfactory lines although accommodation is somewhat cramped in some cases and rather bleak in others.

There are no day nurseries in the area provided by the County Council but occasionally children are admitted to Day Nurseries in the Huddersfield County Borough at the expense of the County Council.

HEALTH VISITING

The number of effective visits made during the year was 31,276 which is an increase of 9201 on the previous year.

During the year two full-time qualified health visitors and one full-time and one part-time assistant health visitors resigned their appointments, whilst one full-time and one part-time assistant health visitors were appointed.

A Health Visitor has continued to attend the diabetic clinic out-patient clinic held at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary on one half-day each week. She also carries out home visitations of the West Riding patients attending the clinic. During the year, the Health Visitor attended 45 clinic sessions and made 2,209 home visits to 292 patients.

Visits paid by Health Visitors

Cases Visited	No. of Cases	Effective Visits
Children born in 1967	1,588	6,593
Children born in 1966	1,271	4,142
Children born in 1962-65	2,342	6,163
	52,01	16,898
Persons aged 65 or over (excluding "domestic help only" visits) ..	1522	3,809
Mentally disordered persons	23	37
Persons, excluding maternity cases, discharged from hospital	320	2345
No. of tuberculous households visited	179	352
No. of households visited on account of other infectious diseases	26	43
Other cases	2236	7792

HEALTH EDUCATION

During the past year much emphasis has been placed on health education. 462 groups of different types have been met by the health visitors, the majority of these being ante-natal mothercraft and relaxation classes, which have been held throughout the year in the majority of clinics. In this case the health visitors have been assisted by the midwives. The Superintendent Health Visitor, Huddersfield Borough, has continued to give her support in giving an open invitation to our expectant parents to the showing of the film "To Janet a Son" because of the difficulties in acquiring this film, and in sharing the projector with another division.

The school health programmes are becoming more popular as the individual health visitor pursues her policy of insinuating herself into the individual school. Three secondary modern schools have now got differing programmes in health education; 1 having a weekly 2-hour session and the other 2 a block of a 6 weekly 2-hour session per term. In the Holme Valley and in the Colne Valley 2 school girls per week attend each of 6 Infant Welfare Clinics in order to observe the normal development of the infant and toddler. During the school holidays we have given a day's observation with a health visitor to 12 senior girl pupils, in which they were able to see for themselves the work of the health visitor. A week's display for a project on anti-smoking was arranged at Holmfirth Secondary Modern School at the request of one of the male teachers who has started to work alongside the health visitor in a health education project for the boys. In all school health education programmes we have been ably assisted by representatives of other agencies who have shared the time available with the health visitor to give their specialised knowledge.

During 1967 1 course of 5 separate evenings was arranged for the Holme Valley Home Help Service when talks, discussions, films and film-strips were given by a Health Visitor, Home Nurse/Midwife, General Practitioner, Social Welfare Officer, Social Security Officer and Cookery Demonstrator from the Y.E.B. Unfortunately the tentative course planned for Saddleworth area fell through because of unforeseen circumstances, but it is hoped to include this in the 1968 programme.

The nursing personnel have been involved in the training of 16 students from different sources and this exercise has been much appreciated by all members of the staff.

Many of the staff are called upon to address evening meetings of all types, for example, Youth Groups, Young Wives, Darby and Joan Clubs, etc. This, particularly is used in dissipating health education material of all types. One Mothers' Club has deteriorated due to lack of interest because of fluctuation of staff, but 1968 should see its revival and it is hoped to encourage the formation of another. The Social Service Clubs in the secondary modern schools have been well used, in particular with respect to the elder citizen group, where the youngsters have visited some of these and helped them in various ways.

PROBLEM FAMILIES

The two Co-ordinating Committees operating in the Division have continued to meet regularly throughout the year. Representatives from the County Health, Education, Welfare and Children's Departments attended each meeting, together with representatives from the various County Districts. Other members of the Committees are the local N.S.P.C.C. Inspectors, officials of the Ministry of Social Security and the Probation Officers.

The Saddleworth Committee met four times during the year, with an average attendance of 9 members. A total of 11 families were discussed, 3 of them being new cases. Two families were removed from the list during the year, both having left the district.

The Huddersfield Committee continued to meet at regular intervals and met 8 times during the year with an average attendance of 13 members. A total of 46 families were discussed, 7 of them being new cases. 14 families were removed from the list, 12 being improved, one having left the district, and one being referred to the care of the Mental Welfare Officer.

During the year, the Committees have continued to call the attention of the Housing Authorities to the urgent need for re-housing where necessary and to the Committees' concern regarding possible evictions.

During the year rent guarantees were in operation in respect of 18 families, in 6 cases these being withdrawn. The difficulties met with in these cases have seldom been due to the simple lack of money but rather to the inability to budget properly and make the most of their resources.

No cases were assisted during the year by the provision of a domestic help without assessment.

It was decided that the services given by the Oldham Family Service Unit to the two families in Saddleworth should be withdrawn during the year.

HOME NURSING

At the commencement of the year 9 full-time and one part-time home nurses and 6 nurse/midwives were engaged in the Division. During the year one full-time nurse/midwife and 2 full-time home nurses resigned their appointments. Two full-time and 4 part-time home nurses and one full-time nurse/midwife were appointed.

At the end of the year, the staff consisted of 9 full-time and five part-time home nurses and 6 nurse/midwives.

A summary of the number of cases dealt with during the year is shown in the following table:

Classification	No. of cases attended by Home Nurses during year	No. of visits paid by Home Nurses during year
Medical	1,493	31,904
Surgical	542	9,490
Infectious Diseases	3	43
Tuberculosis	10	535
Maternal complications	32	236
Other	—	—
Total ..	2,080	42,208
Patients included above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year	1,136	26,441
Children included above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year	89	732
Patients included above who have had more than 24 visits during the year	498	27,929

CONVALESCENT HOME TREATMENT

The County Council provide convalescent home treatment for approved patients. During the year, 8 cases were sent to Convalescent Homes on the family doctor's recommendations. Ten additional applications were withdrawn.

The cases for whom treatment was provided were:—

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Sent to Convalescent Home at</i>	<i>Date</i>
F.	70	Myocardial Ischaemia and Cardiac Failure	Ilkley	19.6.67
F.	77	Anaemia	Didsbury	1.7.67
M.	54	Chronic Bronchitis and Emphysema	Buxton	5.7.67
F.	64	General Debility	St. Annes-on-Sea	7.7.67
M.	73	Arteriosclerosis	St. Annes-on-Sea	1.9.67
F.	78	Chronic Cholecystitis	Didsbury	9.9.67
F.	74	Hypertension	Didsbury	9.9.67
F.	64	Thrombophlebitis	St. Annes-on-Sea	27.10.67

THE HOME HELP SERVICE

The number of part-time Home Helps employed during the year was 156 and these gave help equivalent to that of 56.52 full-time Home Helps, an increase of 1.34 on those employed in 1966.

The number of patients receiving help during the year was 847, a decrease of 23 compared with 1966, but the total hours of service given increased by 2,794 to 117,570.

The recruitment of suitable persons to serve as home helps is still not easy, largely owing to the heavy demand in industry for part-time workers. Many of the home helps stay in the service for only a few weeks while others have to be allowed off duty during school holidays in order to look after their children.

All our home helps are employed on a part-time basis, this being found to be more satisfactory than the employment of whole-time helps, as it enables the home help to be given two or three cases to attend in the vicinity of her home and obviates the necessity of travelling far and wide throughout the Divisional area. It is still difficult to recruit home helps who are willing to work during weekends.

A training course for home helps was held again this year. As in the previous year, the course consisted of five consecutive weekly meetings. The subjects under discussion at the meetings were as follows:—

- (a) Co-ordination of the work of the home help and the health visitor.
- (b) Co-ordination of the work of the home help and the home nurse and midwife.
- (c) Dealing with emergency medical problems, the speaker being a general medical practitioner.
- (d) Budget cooking, demonstrated by a representative of the Gas Board.
- (e) A group discussion with a panel consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Social Security, the Health and Welfare Departments, local authority nursing services and general medical practitioners.

The average attendance was 7. As mentioned previously, probably more would attend if either transport was provided or travelling expenses paid.

A training course for home helps in the Saddleworth area was provisionally planned but due firstly to weather and secondly to holiday commitments, did not materialise. It is hoped that such a course will be organised in 1968.

Details of the assistance given to the 847 patients are shown in the following table:

CATEGORY	COLNE VALLEY		DENBY DALE		HOLMFIRTH		KIRKBURTON		MELTHAM		SADDLEWORTH		TOTAL	
	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient
Maternity	7	30.86	4	32.12	1	15.00	1	63.00	1	136.00	25	34.23	39	36.26
Mentally Disordered	1	129.00	—	—	—	—	3	72.33	1	20.00	—	—	5	73.20
Chronic sick & Tuberculosis (under 65 years of age)	19	117.16	4	127.00	9	196.36	19	182.63	6	184.92	9	75.22	66	147.84
Aged 65 & over	182	141.20	65	106.78	129	144.19	123	192.07	55	185.86	137	118.62	691	146.66
Others	17	113.09	3	75.50	10	105.03	7	168.89	2	258.00	7	44.50	46	113.24
TOTAL	226	133.59	76	102.68	149	143.85	153	186.64	65	184.67	178	101.66	847	139.42

CHIROPODY SERVICE

During the year there was an increase of 51 in the number of patients receiving treatment and an increase of 1,176 in the number of treatments given.

The proportion of handicapped persons and expectant mothers is very low but in fact, many handicapped persons are included in the Pensioner class.

The provision of a taxi to take patients who would otherwise receive domiciliary treatment to the clinic at Golcar was stopped during the year as no saving in time or cost was being effected. Only one such "taxi" clinic was held during the year when 7 patients were treated.

The extent to which treatment is being provided at more frequent intervals than every two months is very small. The 19 patients who fell into this category during the year received 175 treatments.

It is still felt that a better service could be provided if a full-time chiropodist was employed but it has not been possible to make such an appointment.

During the year 1,740 patients made 8,973 attendances at treatment centres and 883 patients received 4,057 domiciliary visits.

	CLINIC		DOMICILIARY	
	Patients	Attendances	Patients	Attendances
(a) By Direct Service:				
Golcar	179	951	}	158 690
Slaithwaite ..	176	998		
Holmfirth	207	1032		147 655
Honley	78	347		40 192
Kirkburton	55	251		83 419
Kirkheaton	78	412	}	66 290
Lepton	135	657		
Meltham	172	898		92 471
Scissett	193	95		103 531
Springhead ..	63	333	}	68 207
Uppermill	109	561		
(b) By Voluntary Assc.				
Delph	85	448		31 145
Denshaw	30	166		4 19
Greenfield	62	313		41 202
Marsden	118	620		50 236
TOTAL	1,740	8,973	883	4,057

Screening Tests for Cervical Cancer

Married women, aged 35 to 65 years were eligible for the service if they were referred by their own general practitioners. Details of the clinics held during the year will be found in the accompanying table.

Name and Address of Clinic	No. of sessions held during year	No. of patients attending for first time during year	Total No. of smears taken	No. of patients with positive smears	No. of patients referred to general practitioners for ? breast tumours
Child Welfare Centre, Eastgate, Honley.	4	45	45	—	—
Health Services Centre, Shelley Lane, Kirkburton.	9	108	109	—	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic Fleet Street, Scissett.	13	132	132	—	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Carr Lane, Slaithwaite.	9	104	105	2	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Cooper Street, Springhead.	11	122	122	—	—
TOTAL	46	511	513	2	—

National Assistance Acts, 1948-1951

Under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, a local authority may take action to secure removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention. No action was taken under this Section during the year.

Ambulance Service

During the year close co-operation has been maintained with the Superintendent of the Huddersfield Depot and any difficulties of a medical nature arising have been discussed.

The Service has worked smoothly throughout the year and complaints have been negligible.

During the year the ambulances from the Huddersfield Depot travelled 204,954 miles and carried 36,517 patients, 2,716 of these being stretcher patients. Particulars of the cases carried are given below:—

Out-Patients	..	..	..	..	32,428
Admissions	..	..	..	..	1,919
Discharges ..	..	..	..	..	1,080
Transfers ..	..	..	..	..	456
Accident Patients	..	..	..	..	634
					36,517

In the Saddleworth area arrangements with the Oldham County Borough Ambulance Service have continued.

During the year ambulances of the Oldham Service made journeys involving 20,909 miles and carried 2,838 patients and in addition journeys involving 33,293 miles were made by Sitting Case Cars on behalf of 4,628 patients. Of the patients carried 300 were classed as accident cases, 180 emergency cases and 6,986 others.

Medical Examinations for Superannuation Purposes

During the year 23 examinations regarding suitability for entry into the County Council Superannuation Scheme were carried out by the Department's Medical Staff.

In addition, 4 examinations were carried out on behalf of the Urban District Authorities in the Division and 6 on behalf of other Authorities.

Eleven special examinations following prolonged sickness were also made at the request of the various employing Authorities.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

The year was marked by further steady progress in the development of the service and an ever increasing closer liaison of the mental welfare officers with the general practitioners and hospital authorities.

Hospital Liaison

Patients attend as day patients at both St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield, and the Elizabeth Martland Unit, Oldham and District General Hospital. This is a very useful service and enables patients to live at home who would otherwise have to be admitted to hospital.

The attendance of the Mental Welfare Officers at the Psychiatric Out-Patient Clinic at St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield, has resulted in a better liaison with the Consultant Psychiatrist, and the opportunity to visit patients whilst still in hospital prepares the way for after-care. Difficulties do arise in placing patients in employment following discharge from hospital. There are not sufficient sympathetic employers and a sheltered workshop would help to bridge the gap between discharge from hospital and full employment. A Mental Welfare Officer also attends the Psychiatric Out-Patients Clinic on 2/3 afternoons per month.

Psychiatric Clubs

The only club in the Division is at Springhead. More new members were introduced during the year but these were all female. There is only one male member, this no doubt being due to the fact that the club is held in the afternoon and all the patients in employment are automatically excluded.

The club, which is mainly occupational, has an average weekly attendance of twelve, the members ages ranging from 40 to 82 years.

Twenty members attended a musical show in Manchester, 34 members and relatives attended the Christmas party and 25 members and friends attended a cookery demonstration at the Kingpin Flour Mills, Manchester.

There has been some improvement in members attending the club, and they all appear to enjoy and look forward each week to the meetings. The isolated nature of the district makes it difficult for some members to attend. Certain meeting points have been arranged and the Mental Welfare Officer collects members this way.

Arrangements for West Riding patients to attend the Huddersfield County Borough club have continued but attendances are disappointing. Old members attend only at odd times and new members only if they are taken. It could be that transport is difficult but the club is only ten minutes from the bus station and is easy to get to. The West Riding patients are always given a cordial welcome.

One of the West Riding Mental Welfare Officers attends each session on a rota basis.

Training Centre, Kirkburton

As a temporary measure 10 trainees were admitted from the Brighouse Division pending the building of a training centre in that Division.

The number of trainees in attendance at the beginning of the year was 75, 37 of them being under 16 years of age. During the year 19 new trainees were admitted and 3 were removed from the register, 2 having obtained employment, and one having left the district. The areas from which the trainees who were in attendance at the end of the year came are as follows:—

Resident In	Under 16 years		Over 16 years		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Colne Valley U.D. ..	6	2	4	2	10	4
Denby Dale U.D. ..	7	2	5	8	12	10
Holmfirth U.D. ..	2	10	10	4	12	14
Kirkburton U.D. ..	4	—	3	3	7	3
Meltham U.D. ..	2	2	2	2	4	4
Division No. 19 ..	—	—	1	—	1	—
Division 18 ..	—	—	9	1	9	1
Total	21	16	34	20	55	36

The trainees’ progress in the Junior Wing has been very satisfactory.

The Special Care Unit continues but attendances have been disappointing particularly during the winter months.

The out-put of work in the Adult Wings has greatly increased during the year. The total value of work done amounted to £2,715 1s. 0d. Most of the work comes to the Centre through the County Supplies Department.

In addition to the purely industrial work, domestic tasks such as tea-making, the laying of dinner tables and washing-up are shared by both sexes. Unfortunately, social training and basic training in educational subjects have not been possible during the year because of the shortage of staff.

The Mental Welfare Officers take a keen interest in the Centre and are a great help in developing a liaison between the Centre and the trainees’ homes.

The adult trainees have made various visits and excursions during the year and in June they were taken on a day’s outing to Liverpool and New Brighton.

As in previous years an opportunity was given for trainees to join the holiday party at St. Hilda's Home, Whitby, and four trainees from the Kirkburton Centre had a most enjoyable time at the seaside.

The Parent/Teacher Association continues to thrive and as a result of various money raising efforts the Association have provided various amenities at the Centre. They also continue to pay for the cost of transport needed to convey the trainees to various social and outside functions.

Saddleworth Area

A good liaison continues with the Oldham County Borough Authorities. At the end of the year 3 trainees from the Saddleworth area were in attendance at the Junior Training Centre and 6 trainees were attending the Industrial Centre. One trainee from the Saddleworth area was also in attendance at the Day Centre run by the Oldham Spastics Society.

Summary of Sub-Normal Patients in receipt of care and guidance at the end of the year

	Under 16		Over 16		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Self supporting and fully employed	—	—	30	21	30	21
Part-time job, outside or in the home	—	—	6	16	6	16
Attending Training Centre, Kirkburton	21	16	24	19	45	35
" " " Oldham	1	2	3	3	4	5
Attending Spastic Centre, Oldham	—	—	1	—	1	—
Fully Dependent	—	1	3	3	3	4
					89	81

The number of patients referred to the Local Health Authority during the year and the number of patients under care at the end of the year are shown on pages 30a-31a.

Number of Patients referred to Local Health Authority during year ended 31st December, 1967

Referred By	Mentally Ill				Psychopathic				Sub-normal				Severely Sub-normal				Totals				Grand Total
	Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
(a) General Practitioners	—	—	25	33	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	33	59
(b) Hospitals, on discharge from in-patient training	—	1	31	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	31	42	74
(c) Hospitals, after or during out-patient or day treatment ..	—	1	15	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	28	44
(d) Local Education Authorities ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	3	3	4	—	—	7	4	2	3	16
(e) Police and Courts	—	—	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	5	13
(f) Other Sources	—	—	32	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	2	—	32	37	71
(g) TOTAL	—	2	110	143	—	—	1	—	4	—	3	5	5	4	—	—	9	6	114	148	277

Number of patients under Local Health Authority care at 31st December, 1967

Referred By	Mentally III		Elderly mentally infirm		Psychopathic		Sub-normal		Severely Sub-normal		Totals		Grand Total											
	Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over													
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F												
TOTAL NUMBER	—	—	33	61	5	10	—	—	6	1	8	11	52	47	16	8	13	15	24	19	109	134	286	
No. attending day training centre ..	—	—	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	8	18	10	14	6	8	11	22	14	27	29	92	
No. awaiting entry to training centre	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
No. awaiting home training ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
No. resident in L.A. home or hostel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	
No. awaiting residence in L.A. home or hostel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
No. resident at L.A. expense in other residential home or hostels ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	
No. attending Day Hospitals	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	5	
No. receiving Home visits and not included above:—																								
(i) Suitable to attend training centre	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	1	1	5	3	1	1	7	9	18
(ii) Others	—	—	31	49	5	10	—	—	6	1	—	3	29	30	1	—	—	—	1	3	71	91	166	

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Introduction

This account of the School Health Service is a Divisional report and is a combination of the reports presented to the Upper Agbrigg Divisional Executive and the Saddleworth District Sub-Committee. The statistics relate to the whole Division.

Schools in the Area

There are in the Division 75 schools or separate departments, which include the Royd Edge Special School, Meltham.

The approximate number of pupils on the registers in December, 1967 was 12,473 (an increase of 359 as compared with the previous year) and was composed of:—

<i>Infants</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
3,123	4,804	4,546

Of the 68 Primary Schools, 32 are Voluntary and 36 are County Schools:—

The distribution is as follows:—

Type of School	Colne Valley		Denby Dale		Holm-firth		Kirk-burton		Mel-tham		Saddle-worth		Total	
	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils
Primary	17	1913	9	983	14	1603	14	1410	3	627	11	1391	68	7927
Secondary	—	—	1	522	1	907	1	333	—	—	1	491	4	2253
Modern	—	—	—	—	1	803	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	803
Grammar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1436
Comprehensive	1	1436	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1436
Special	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	54	—	—	1	54
All Types	18	3349	10	1505	16	3313	15	1743	4	681	12	1882	75	12473

Pupils from Saddleworth attend Grammar Schools in Oldham and Manchester, but so far as the School Health Service is concerned, they are the responsibility of the Medical Officers of the Independent Schools and of the Oldham County Borough Council.

Some pupils from outlying parts of the Division attend Grammar Schools at Mirfield, Penistone, etc.

Medical Inspections

The periodic examination of entrants-leavers continue to be held as before with the exception that as many children as possible are seen at the local clinics immediately prior to school entry. The selective examination of Juniors (7 yrs.+) and intermediates (11 years+) has now been extended throughout the whole Divisional area.

The Selective Method involves the sending of questionnaires to parents and obtaining reports from Head Teachers and Health Visitors. The reports and questionnaires are scrutinised by the School Medical Officer who selects for examination only those children who may have medical problems. In this way more time is devoted to the needy child rather than to children who have no problems.

During the year 2,035 periodic examinations were carried out whilst the number of 'specials' was 564. (This figure includes those examined under the Selective Method).

Particulars of the age grouping of children found at periodic medical inspections to require treatment are given below:—

Age groups inspected	For Defective Vision (excluding squint)	For any of the other conditions recorded in table of defects	Total individual pupils
Entrants	3	51	52
Leavers	9	9	17
Others	7	1	8
Total ..	19	61	77

Defects Found at Medical Inspections

The following table gives details of all defects noted at both periodic, selective and special examinations. All defects noted at medical inspections as requiring treatment are included, whether or not this treatment was begun before the date of inspection:—

Defect or Disease	Number of Defects			
	Periodic Inspections		Selective and Special Inspections	
	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation but not Treatment	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation but not Treatment
Skin	3	27	1	7
Eyes (a) Vision	19	167	21	118
(b) Squint	7	10	5	20
(c) Other	—	1	—	4
Ears (a) Hearing	1	13	1	23
(b) Otitis Media	3	3	3	4
(c) Other	—	2	—	—
Nose or Throat	7	54	1	20
Speech	9	24	1	3
Lymphatic Glands	2	14	—	2
Heart and Circulation ..	1	32	3	10
Lungs	4	25	—	16
Developmental (a) Hernia ..	1	5	—	3
(b) Other ..	—	13	—	10
Orthopaedic (a) Posture ..	—	7	—	4
(b) Feet ..	7	28	4	13
(c) Other ..	4	25	1	6
Nervous System (a) Epilepsy	1	7	1	2
(b) Other ..	3	11	—	4
Psychological (a) Development	—	18	—	25
(b) Stability ..	1	19	—	8
Abdomen	1	12	—	5
Other	6	71	—	32
TOTAL ..	80	588	42	339

Physical Condition of Children

All pupils at routine periodic medical inspections were classified as being ‘Satisfactory’, none being ‘Unsatisfactory’.

Other Examinations

In addition to routine, special and follow-up examinations of children at school medical inspections, children were examined at home or at school for various reasons. These include non-attendance at school, children returning to special schools, and also those examined with a view to providing special educational treatment.

Uncleanliness

The total number of inspections made during the year was 16,838 and 168 instances of infestation were found as compared with 16,293 and 196 respectively in 1966. There were 150 individual children (1.2% of the school population) found to be infested on at least one occasion, an increase of 7 compared with the previous year.

Statistics relating to these inspections are as follows:—

Total number of warning letters sent	.. .. .	69
Total number of exclusion notices served	.. .. .	Nil
Total number of home visits paid	.. .. .	134
Total number of individual children found to be verminous	..	150
Total number of Cleansing Notices issued	.. .. .	Nil
Total number of Cleansing Orders issued	.. .. .	Nil

Arrangements for Treatment

School Clinics

There are no special school clinics in the Division. The children of school age may attend any of the 17 child welfare centres in the area for treatment of minor ailments and to receive “booster doses” of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis antigens. During the year, a total of 1,380 attendances were made by school children at such clinics. Included in this figure are those children who attended for a medical examination just prior to starting school at the age of 5 years.

Special Clinics

Ophthalmic Clinics

The Leeds Regional Hospital Board have continued to make available the services of Dr. K. K. Prasher for two sessions per week in the Divisional Area. The sessions are arranged as required at the Kirkburton, Meltham, Slaithwaite and Uppermill Clinics, where special facilities are available.

During the year, 79 special clinic sessions were arranged and these were attended by 638 children who made 814 attendances. Spectacles were prescribed for 109 children.

Cases requiring orthoptic treatment may obtain this either through the hospital service or, if in the Saddleworth area, they may attend the Orthoptic Clinic, Scottfield, Oldham, which is provided by the Oldham Education Committee. A charge of 5/- per attendance is paid by the West Riding Education Committee. During the year 3 children from Saddleworth area attended the Clinic.

Orthopaedic Clinics

The special hospital Out-Patient Clinic for West Riding children has continued at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. These have been conducted by Mr. J. Hunter Annan, F.R.C.S., Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and by Mr. G. F. Hird, F.R.C.S., Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon assisted by a Health Visitor and a clerk from the Divisional Health Office.

School children and pre-school infants with orthopaedic defects are better seen at these clinics than at Out-Patient sessions at the hospital, and the clinics have been very well attended.

At the 16 sessions held during the year 113 individual children made a total of 144 attendances.

Six children from the Saddleworth area were referred to the Gainsborough Avenue Clinic, Oldham.

The conditions for which they were referred were as follows:—

Flat Foot	19
Club Foot	9
Knock Knee	11
Hallux Valgus	16
Other Deformities of Toes	10
Postural Deformities	9
Other Deformities	12
Congenital Conditions	8
Acute Poliomyelitis	3
Perthes Disease	2
Other Conditions	20
Total	119

Child Guidance Treatment

An excellent liaison exists between the School Health Service and the Child Guidance Clinic at Mirfield. The school Health Service is indebted to the help given by Dr. K. N. Maxwell and Mr. D. G. Pickles, Psychiatrist and Educational Psychologist at the Clinic. There is always a long waiting list of children to be seen at the Clinic and to ease the strain at the Clinic, it is necessary to carefully select all cases referred to the Clinic. During the year 28 children from the Division attended the clinic.

Speech Therapy

There is an establishment for one full-time Speech Therapist. In the present shortage of Speech Therapists we are fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Stacey for 4 sessions a week. Inevitably there is a waiting list of children to be seen by the Speech Therapist and cases for referral have to be selected. During the year, 105 individual children attended for treatment at clinics held at Slaithwaite, Meltham, Honley and the Divisional Health Office, Huddersfield.

Dental Treatment

A comprehensive dental service is available throughout the Division. Details of the work carried out during the year and the previous year are summarised below:—

	1967	1966
No. of children inspected	9,488	9,925
No. of children found to require treatment ..	4,611	4,743
No. of children treated	2,942	3,261
No. of attendances	7,373	7,784
No. of extractions—temporary	1,955	2,113
No. of extractions—permanent	693	783
No. of fillings—temporary	744	1,211
No. of fillings—permanent	4,133	5,611

Diphtheria Immunisation

The previous arrangements for diphtheria immunisation have continued, the injections being given by private practitioners and at the Welfare Centres.

The majority of children are now immunised before entering school. This should always be the case and the importance of immunisation in infancy cannot be over emphasised. Children protected in infancy should have booster injections when they commence school and five years later.

The following figures indicate the number of children who received primary immunisation after entering school and also the number receiving re-inforcement injections:—

				<i>Primary Immunisations</i>	<i>Re-inforcement Injections</i>
Colne Valley	..	..	..	10	115
Denby Dale	..	..	..	1	52
Holmfirth	..	..	..	8	89
Kirkburton	..	..	..	9	93
Meltham	..	..	..	1	36
Saddleworth	..	..	..	6	104
				35	489

B.C.G. Vaccination

In accordance with the County Council’s scheme for the prevention of Tuberculosis, arrangements were made to offer B.C.G. Vaccination to all children aged 11 years and over. Vaccinations were carried out during October and November when 704 children were vaccinated.

Details are given below of the work undertaken during the year:

Number of children offered B.C.G.	..	..	..	..	1076
Number of acceptances	..	..	..	..	860
Number completing skin testing (including children brought forward from previous year)	..	..	..	..	918
Number positive	..	..	..	..	173
% positive	..	..	..	..	18·85
Number negative	..	..	..	..	704
Number Vaccinated	..	..	..	..	704
Number of Skin Tests after 12 months	..	..	..	..	—

Protection of Children Against Tuberculosis

The arrangements for the X-ray examination of the chests of all new entrants to the teaching profession and non-teaching staff of schools have continued. Likewise have those for re-examination when the Mass Radiography Unit is available in the area.

The children found to be mantoux positive as a result of tests for B.C.G. vaccinations are invited to attend for X-ray examination when the Mass Radiography Unit is operating in the area.

School Meals Service

New entrants to the staffs of school canteens are examined by the Department's Medical staff. During the year 54 new entrants were examined and in each case a certificate to the effect that the examinee was fit to work in the School Meals Service was forwarded to the Divisional Education Officer.

Youth Employment Service

There is close co-operation between the School Health and Youth Employment Services. The medical records of all school leavers are considered by the School Medical Officer before the pupils are interviewed by the Youth Employment Officer and types of work for which any child is, in the opinion of the Medical Officer, unsuited, are pointed out.

The more seriously handicapped children are recommended to the Youth Employment Officer for inclusion in the Disabled Persons Register.

In connection with the Employment of Children Bye-Laws, 24 children were examined as regards their suitability for employment outside school hours. Certificates were granted for employment as follows:—

Newspaper delivery 24

Handicapped Pupils

Facilities for the special educational treatment of all classes of handicapped pupils requiring residential care are now fairly readily available, except those classified as Educationally Sub-normal and Maladjusted.

During the year 25 pupils already on the Handicapped Pupils Register were examined to ascertain their need for continued special educational treatment. In addition 38 children were examined for the first time and 33 were put on the Register of Handicapped Pupils. Two pupils already receiving special educational treatment moved into the area and their names were entered on the Register. The number of children removed from the Register as no longer requiring special educational treatment, or because they were over school age or left the Division was 31.

At the end of the year, 209 children were included in the Register, the sub-division into the various classes being as follows:—

	No. on Register	No. at Special School	No. at Ordinary School	No. of Col. 3 awaiting placement
Maladjusted	6	2	3	3
Deaf	12	12	—	—
Partially Deaf	7	6	1	—
Delicate	18	4	14	—
Partially Sighted	4	3	1	—
Blind	4	4	—	—
Physically Handicapped	22	6	15	7
Educationally Subnormal	136	52	84	32
	209	89	118	42

1. One physically handicapped child is receiving home tuition.
2. One maladjusted child shown above is away at a remand home at the moment.

The Children's Home, The Leas, Scholes

This report on 'The Leas' Children's Home is for the year ended 31st March, 1968.

During this period all the cottages have been in use.

The number of admissions during the year was 182 and there were 189 discharges. The number resident on 1st April, 1967 was 62 and on the 31st March, 1968, was 64.

All children are medically examined as soon as possible after admission and there were 2 full routine medical inspections. During the year, 32 children made 58 attendances at the Dental Clinic, 13 children made 15 attendances at the Eye Clinic, 4 children attended the Child Guidance Clinic, 2 children received treatment at the Orthopaedic Clinic and 2 at the Fracture Clinic.

Nortonthorpe Hostel for Maladjusted Boys

The purpose of the Hostel is to provide a stable and pleasant background for socially insecure children and so enable them to mature and eventually return to their homes without breaking down.

At the end of the year, 24 boys were in residence at the Hostel.

Reports to the Local Health Authority: Education Act, 1944. Section 57

During the year, 12 children were reported to the Local Health Authority under Section 57(4), 6 as "Unsuitable" for education at school and 6 as requiring "Care and Guidance after leaving school".

Medical Examination of Teachers and Entrants to Courses of Training

During the year, 112 candidates (49 male and 63 female) for entry into Teachers' Training Colleges were examined and reports submitted to the appropriate College Authority. In addition, 7 reports on Form 28 R.Q. regarding the new entrants to the profession were forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

Liaison with Hospitals and General Practitioners

Cordial relations exist between staffs of the School Health Service, the Hospital Service and the General Practitioners. Information is passed and mutual assistance is given to the general benefit of the children of the area.

